

But Wesley was a highly educated, very very able man, and the rank and file of his followers were men of little education, and inevitably he decided most things for them. And he was a wonderful organizer and a very able man, and in the end he had all the property of the Methodist church, all over England belonged to him. He used it for the interest of the church, but it was all in his hands. The absolute control was his, he built up a tremendous church, by his genius, by his ability, ~~but~~ by his untiring labors, but ~~at~~ at every point ~~he~~ he decided what was best. And he did what he thought was best, and other men helped him, but he was the boss. ~~And~~

And so, when I was a young boy I remember hearing it said in this country that in a Methodist church, the minister and one layman ~~can~~ can outvote all the rest of the congregation. And that in the Methodist conference, the bishop and one minister can outvote all the rest of the ministers. Now whether it still is quite as strict as that, I don't know. But that is the thing which developed. It is the hierarchical bishopric idea of Cyprian, or, ~~if~~ if you might say, of the Roman Catholics, perhaps. ~~It~~ carried to an extreme to which they never carried it. And ~~it~~ was not done under the influence of any such theorem as this, it ~~was~~ was done purely as a result of the fact that a man of great ability inevitably can think things through ~~and~~ and half the time other people can't, and if ~~your~~ your interest ~~is~~ is in getting things done, it is very probably that you ~~will~~ will move ahead and do ~~as~~ as he says. And that became the established order of the Methodist church. And it was carried on ~~through~~ through the Methodist church. And it is a wonderful system for extension and enlargement of the church, as long as you have able and thoroughly consecrated men in the top positions.

x I remember out in California, the two churches in town. One of them was the Presbyterian church, and in this church they had a minister who was not very satisfactory. He was a good man, a real godly ~~fit~~ fellow, but a man who didn't know how to lead people, how to please people, and the ~~people~~ people drifted away from the church. And things went on. ~~And~~ And the question was, what can we do, the church is dying out. And they could have made an